

Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, D. C.

PUBLIC HEARING -- February 21, 1973

Application No. 11264 National Broadcasting Company, appellant.

THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, appellee.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried by a vote of 3-1, the following Order of the Board was entered at the meeting of March 20, 1973.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER -- April 11, 1973

ORDERED:

Application of the National Broadcasting Company for a special exception for a television tower in an R-1-B District located at 4001 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., lot 1, Square 1722 be GRANTED.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Subject television tower is proposed to be located in an R-1-B District which is defined by the zoning regulations as an area of single-family detached dwellings; low density.

2. This application is submitted pursuant to section 3101.47, which stipulates what the applicant must demonstrate to this Board in order to justify the granting of the proposed tower.

3. The proposed tower will be of a greater height than that of the presently existing TV tower. The proposed increase in height will be approximately 200 feet from a ground elevation of 459 feet to a ground elevation of 659 feet and a height above sea level to the Federal Aviation Administration limit of 1,049 feet.

4. FCC and the FAA have both approved the proposed increase in height.

5. It is the applicant's contention that the proposed increase in the height of the tower will have no adverse effect upon the use of television sets or other electronic and communications equipment within the immediate area.

6. Both the National Capital Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission submitted reports to the file in which they recommended favorably that the application herein be granted.

7. No opposition against the application was voiced at the public hearing nor were any letters in opposition submitted to the file for the Board's consideration.

OPINION:

The Board has reviewed the entire record as it was presented in this case and is of the opinion that in order to improve television service to the Washington Community the application will be GRANTED.

The additional height has been shown to be vital if the local station of WRC-TV (NBC) in Washington will be capable of expanding and fulfilling its community obligation.

It is a minimal increase in height that is requested and we do not believe that the new antenna will adversely affect the appearance of the surrounding area but, will only have the total programming service in and around the Washington area.

There have been no unfortunate or adverse affects experienced with the present tower and it is for this reason we feel strongly that the new tower will not alter this status.

BY THE ORDER OF THE D. C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED

By: George A. Grogan
GEORGE A. GROGAN
Secretary of the Board

THAT THE ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS ONLY UNLESS APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING AND/OR OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER.